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SUBJECT: CYNTHIA CHAMBERS

REF: STATE 080209, TUNIS 2226 AND PREVIOUS

1. EMBASSY WILL NOT DISCUSS CASE FURTHER WITH CHAMBERS,  
PER REFTEL.

2. CHAMBERS' PROBABLE REPEAT PROBABLE ADDRESS IS  
IMPASSE SENOUSSE REPEAT SENOUSSE, MAISON MAHMOUD  
TEBOURSKI, SIDI BOU SAID, TUNISIA. HOUSE SAID TO  
BE OCCUPIED BY THREE GIRLS WHO ARE STUDENTS IN TUNIS.  
NAMES OF GIRLS, HOWEVER, NOT KNOWN. ACCORDING TO  
RESIDENTS OF THE TOWN, THERE IS NO OTHER STREET WITH  
A SIMILAR NAME.

3. IN VIEW DEVELOPMENTS IN CASE, AND DEPT. OF JUSTICE'S  
EVIDENT INTENTION SERVE CHAMBERS WITH SUBPOENA, WE  
INFORMALLY ASKED MOFA WHAT PROPER PROCEDURE IS HERE  
FOR SERVING SUBPOENA ISSUED BY FOREIGN COURT. MOFA TOLD  
US FOLLOWING:

A. ONLY A MAGISTRATE OF A TUNISIAN COURT CAN SERVE  
SUBPOENA ISSUED BY A FOREIGN COURT FOR A PERSON LIVING  
IN TUNISIA.

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B. A SUBPOENA ISSUED FOR A PERSON RESIDING IN TUNIS OR THE SURROUNDING AREA SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO THE TRIBUNAL OF FIRST INSTANCE OF TUNIS. HOWEVER, THE UNITED STATES COURT SHOULD FORWARD THE SUBPOENA DIRECTLY TO THE EMBASSY, WHICH WILL CONVEY IT TO MOFA UNDER COVER OF A DIPLOMATIC NOTE, ALONG WITH AN UNOFFICIAL FRENCH TRANSLATION.

C. ANY ONE OR SEVERAL ADDRESSES OF THE INDIVIDUAL CONCERNED MAY BE PROVIDED IN THE SUBPOENA, I.E., PLACE OF RESIDENCE, BUSINESS, STUDY, RECREATION. IT IS NOT MANDATORY TO HAVE THE INDIVIDUAL'S PRIVATE ADDRESS.

D. NORMALLY, THE ENTIRE SUBPOENA PROCEDURE IS COMPLETED WITHIN A MONTH. (THIS MAY WELL BE OPTIMISTIC. PROCEDURES OF THIS NATURE INVARIABLY TAKE LONGER THAN EXPECTED IN TUNISIA).

4. IN VIEW PARA. 3(C), SUBPOENA COULD BEAR ADDRESS OF CHAMBERS' SCHOOL, BOURGUIBA SCHOOL, 47 AVENUE DE LA LIBERTE, TUNIS. IF A PRIVATE ADDRESS IS PREFERRED, IT COULD IN ADDITION BEAR THE ADDRESS WRITTEN ABOVE, OR SIMPLY, IMPASSE SENOUSI, SIDI BOU SAID, TUNISIA. LATTER ADDRESS MORE CLOSELY RESEMBLES THAT MENTIONED IN TUNIS REFTEL. PROCEDURE DOES POSE PROBLEM HOWEVER. WE WOULD NOT LIKE IN FAIRNESS TO CHAMBERS AS AMCIT TO SEE TUNISIANS SERVING AMERICAN SUBPOENA ON CHAMBERS WITHOUT FIRST TELLING HER TO EXPECT IT BECAUSE THAT IS WAY THINGS ARE DONE HERE. IF WE DO, HOWEVER, WE MAY RUN RISK MENTIONED STATE REFTEL OF SCARING HER OFF. WE WOULD APPRECIATE DEPT'S COMMENT ON THIS POINT.  
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